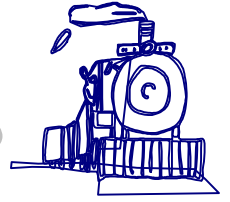


City of Bremen NEWS ON THE TRACKS



Scheduled Meetings

October 2nd –
5:30 PM, DDA, City Hall
Conference Room

October 9th –
6:00 PM, City Council,
Senior Center Building

October 16th –
7:00 PM, BDA, City Hall
Conference Room

October 23rd –
5:30 PM, Planning &
Zoning, City Hall
Conference Room

Calendar of Events

October 14th –
5:00 PM, Bremen Car
Cruise

October 21st –
9:00 AM, Bremen Towne
Festival

October 30th –
3:30 PM, Downtown
Trick or Treat

October 31st –
Halloween

**If you would like to
become a volunteer for
an event, please contact
Julia Stephenson at
770-537-2331.**



On October 21, 2006 the 13th Annual Bremen Towne Festival includes all day entertainment, a parade, food and craft vendors, children's activities, and more! This year there will be a costume contest that begins at 9:45 a.m. in front of the old B&B building and the parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. Festival hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. So come join us October 21st in Downtown Bremen! For more information on this event, please contact the Bremen Jr. Women's Club at 770-537-6570.



Come join the City of Bremen and the Downtown Businesses in the Annual Downtown Trick or Treat Event on October 31, 2006, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. in Downtown Bremen. This event will include not only trick or treating, but also a costume contest, clowns, activities, and more! For more information on this event please contact the Better Hometown Program at 770-537-2331.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES GET A MAKEOVER

John H Meyers of the Georgia Institute of Technology once wrote that "the appearance of an historic building is a product of the cultural heritage of its region, the technology of its period, the skill and training of its builders, and the materials used for its construction. The exterior character of a building is largely established by its 'style' and by the degree of decorative detailing. When these character-defining elements are destroyed, removed, or concealed, the true historic integrity of the structure is lost." The first thing building owners want to know is what's in it for them. Well, first of all, proper restoration is a far better way to protect an investment than a quick-fix approach. In the end, it will at least maintain and, more often, increase the property's value, and thus the resale value. More than anything, however, owners of buildings need to start thinking area-wide. They need to realize that what is good for the area is good for them, even if they don't see a direct financial benefit. For example, building facades convey an image, either good or bad, of the area. An area that undergoes a series of quality restorations can project a unified image that attracts more customers, thereby helping existing businesses do better and perhaps attracting new ones.

As the vacancy rate declines, the owners' chances of leasing their buildings improve. As more customers visit the area, businesses can afford to pay higher rents, which increase the building owners' income. And with the increased activity, more people may desire to live in the area, thus creating opportunities for beneficial residential development. As you can see, it is a "domino effect."

There are both direct and indirect benefits to quality restorations.

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Bremen Junior Women's Club

Last month on September 11, 2006, the Bremen Junior Woman's Club prepared and presented Appreciation Baskets to the Bremen Fire Department, the Haralson County Sheriff's Office, and the Bremen Police Department. These baskets were given to show how much these departments are appreciated for their hard work and dedication to our community.



Library Calendar

Storytime – every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Movie Matinee – every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.
Ghostly Movie Classics

Dixie Divas – Thursday, October 19th, 2006
Author Book Signing with
Patricia Sprinkle – Georgia Mysteries
Julie Cannon – Georgia Inspirations
Karin Gillespie – Georgia Humor
J.L. Miles – Georgia Family saga

Artist of the Month

Kristen Gerspacher – folk art